

an educator at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)—personally for this prestigious recognition when they came to Washington, DC last month to accept the award.

Today, on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, I congratulate Professor Todd Pagano of the Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for winning the highly celebrated 2012 U.S. Professor of the Year Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebration of this momentous honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 614, 615, 617, 618, and 619, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

WAYNE ROBERTS

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Wayne Roberts, for his 50 years of service in Upper Jay, NY.

In his various capacities with the Upper Jay Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Roberts served his community with dedication and tireless effort. Last year when the Town of Jay was severely affected by Hurricane Irene, Mr. Roberts spent countless hours toward the relief and recovery effort. Currently, as the Fire Department's Commissioner, he serves Upper Jay and remains integral in the rebuilding effort from Hurricane Irene.

Again, I congratulate Mr. Roberts on his 50 years of service. I cannot thank him enough for his commitment to his community and wish him all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, I was inadvertently detained and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 614, 615, and 616. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all rollcall Nos. 614 and 615 and "nay" on rollcall No. 616.

RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS

HON. ALBIO SIREs

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, Hurricane Sandy was an unprecedented storm that left a dev-

astating impact on our communities in New Jersey—damaging homes, businesses, and leaving millions without power. Hudson, Essex, Middlesex, and Union counties, were hit particularly hard by Sandy. We have been fortunate to have a large team of federal, state, and local responders to assist in recovery efforts.

Beyond, the recovery and assistance efforts led by federal, state, and local responders, fellow American citizens from all over the country donated their time and money to aid Sandy victims. In addition, international aid also poured into our communities. Worthy of particular mention is the assistance provided by the government of The Republic of China (Taiwan).

On November 16, Taiwan announced that it had decided to donate \$1.3 million in relief and reconstruction aid to the United States. One million dollars will be given to United Way International and Habitat for Humanity International, charities based in Washington, D.C. These two organizations are addressing near term and long term recovery needs of communities most affected by Sandy. The rest of the funds will be distributed to the states of New Jersey and New York. A special ceremony marking the transfer of the funds to those organizations will be held in Washington, D.C. on December 6.

We are grateful to the people of Taiwan and the ROC government for extending a helping hand during this difficult time. The people of Taiwan and their government have always been charitable and generous during our times of need. Taiwan gave generously in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and it was a major international donor to the Twin Towers Fund, as well as the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Taiwan was also a heavy contributor to humanitarian aid in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On behalf of my constituents and fellow Americans, I say "thank you" to our friends in Taiwan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, I was detained and missed rollcall vote No. 610, H.R. 915. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 610.

TRIBUTE TO: MRS. PETRA "PAT" PENA

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Petra "Pat" Pena who is retiring after a 34 year career with the United States Marshals Service.

Throughout her tenure with the Marshals Service, Mrs. Pena worked as a member of the finance department. As a result of her exceptional work, she received the distinguished honor of serving as Administrative Officer Mentor for Guam. Throughout her tenure with

the Marshals Service, she displayed leadership, professionalism and dedication.

She ends her career as a public servant, while continuing the chapter of her personal life as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She has been married to her husband Daniel for 31 years, and they have three children and two grandchildren. Please join me in recognizing her career of distinguished service and contribution to our great country.

HONORING LAWRENCE THOMAS GUYOT, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Lawrence Thomas Guyot who stood as the ideal example of a politically-engaged activist with a relentless desire to change history. Mr. Guyot's noble contributions to the Civil Rights movement gained him notoriety as one of the great champions for justice and equality in this country.

Born July 17, 1939 in Pass Christian, Mississippi, Mr. Lawrence Thomas Guyot Jr. earned his high school diploma in 1957 from Randolph High School where he was a member of the debate and basketball teams. He later attended Tougaloo College, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Philosophy in 1964.

Mr. Guyot's interest in social justice issues developed while he was a student at Tougaloo College which, at that time, stood for many as a safe haven during the Civil Rights movement. Mr. Guyot, along with several other students took an active role in combating the mistreatment and exclusion of African Americans who were pursuing their right to vote; demonstrating their adamant objection to these social ills.

Mr. Guyot became an original member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) where he served as a field secretary working on voter education and registration throughout Mississippi. Mr. Guyot was repeatedly challenged, jailed and often beaten as he helped lead fellow members of the SNCC and student volunteers from around the nation in organizing African Americans to vote. His works impacted many of the state's counties where no African Americans were ever registered.

Through the difficult times and constant opposition, Mr. Guyot courageously continued his work in civil rights. In 1964, Mr. Guyot served as director of the 1964 Freedom Summer Project which brought thousands of young people to the state to register African Americans to vote in opposition to the state's traditional habits of excluding most African Americans from voting through acts of violence and intimidation by authorities. In the same year, Mr. Guyot further pushed the campaign for greater African American participation in politics by serving as chairman of the integrated Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. It lost its challenge to the established Mississippi party at the Democratic National Convention in 1964, but its efforts were seen as paving the way for the landmark passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Later that year, Guyot was